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J.P. Tremblay was appointed June 2, 2006 by Governor Schwarzenegger as deputy secretary for communications and legislation for the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Before joining Veterans Affairs, Tremblay served in several executive and leadership roles in state government including, Assistant Secretary for Public and Employee Communications for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Tremblay has had a long career in communications and public relations in both the news media and in state government. He began his career in the media as a business and government reporter with the Leader Newspaper Group in Los Angeles, which included the Glendale News-Press, and three community weekly newspapers. Tremblay moved to Sacramento in 1988 working in the Legislature as a communications consultant then returned to the news media in 1989 as an editor with the Sacramento Union. He moved to the Sacramento Union's Capitol Bureau in 1990 and covered state government and politics until 1993 when he moved into state government as a Deputy Director of Communications for former Governor Pete Wilson. During his current tenure with the state, Tremblay has served under four governors working in various executive and leadership roles including, the Governor's Office, the Department of Corrections, the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency, the Department of the Youth Authority and now the Department of Veterans Affairs. During his career he has earned several recognitions including the Crystal Award from the International Association of Business Communicators, the Veterans First Award from the California Department of Veterans Affairs, and being named a Finalist with the Innovations in American Government program from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.